



EFPSA
General Assembly
Part III | Minutes

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Members present: Austria, Azerbaijan, Leuven Belgium, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Hungary, Ireland, Kosovo, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Switzerland, Turkey

Observers present: Bosnia & Herzegovina

Others present: BM 2015 - 2016, BM 2014 – 2015, Portuguese Org.Com, Czech Org.Com, Slovakian Org.Com and Training Office

Minutes by: Clara Chetcuti (CC) (Secretary General)

Topics/agenda:

- 📌 **1. Welcome**
- 📌 **2. What is a General Assembly?**
- 📌 **3. Procedures**
- 📌 **4. Voting Rules**
- 📌 **5. Presentation of the Agenda**
- 📌 **6. Board of Management's Goals for Mandate 2015/2016**
- 📌 **7. Waiving of rule outlined in Chapter 5 (Executive Board), Art 24. (Composition)**
- 📌 **8. Presentation & Approval of the Executive Board**
- 📌 **9. Presentation & Approval of the Ethical Committee**
- 📌 **10. Event Host Election: 31st EFPSA Congress Host Election**

| Topic | Things discussed | Decision |
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| 1. Welcome: Ana Odabašić (AO) and Jayne Hamilton (JH) | - AO and JH welcome everyone to the General Assembly | |
| 2. What is a general Assembly (GA)? | - AO explained the General Assembly as the most important decision-making body in EFPSA. | |

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| 3. Procedures (AO) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AO explained that the proposals being voted upon have been outlined in the pre-General Assembly Session of the same day. | |
| 4. Voting Rules (JH) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JH explained the Voting Rules including voting options, number of votes allocated to National/Regional/Local Organisations, requirements for a proposal to pass and Roberts' Rule of Order. | |
| 5. Presentation of the Agenda (AO) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AO presented the Agenda for the General Assembly. - AO explained that a Presentation of the Board of Management's Goals will be presented and that this is not a proposal that will be voted upon. - AO explained that the Member Representatives and Delegates are to vote on 4 proposals. | |
| 6. Quorum Check (AO) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AO explains that the voting procedures require a quorum of two thirds of the MR Body or delegates to be reached. - Quorum has been met. - AO asked for any requests for anonymous voting. | <p>Quorum has been met.</p> <p>Anonymous voting will take place.</p> |
| 7. Presentation of Goals for the Upcoming Mandate (AO) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AO explained that this year's Board of Management wishes to maintain stability of the organisation through 3 main points of action. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Clarity o Fortitude, that is, courage in adversity o Association - Request for questions. None asked. | |
| 8. Proposal 1: Waiving of the rule outlined in Chapter 5 (Executive Board), Art. 24 (Composition) (JH) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JH explained that there cannot be more than five Executive Board members from the same country/region within EFPSA. - JH elaborated that three teams within the Executive Board are currently composed of 5 members from the same country. | <p>41 In favour</p> <p>4 Against</p> <p>2 Abstaining</p> <p>The proposal</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JH explained that the Board of Management would like the Member Representatives and delegates to vote upon this proposal now so that in the case that any positions that need to be added throughout the mandate would be from members of these countries, there would be no need to call for an e-Voting to waive this rule. - Ioanna Florou (Member Representatives Officer) reminded the MRs and delegates that National/Regional Organisations have 2 votes while Local Organisations have 1 vote. - Gabija Kisieliūtė (Lithuania): Question about clarification of the proposal. - Parla Buyruk (Turkey): “Can this proposal be voted upon during e-voting?” - AO explained that it is proposed during the GA as it is easier to be done at the beginning of the mandate rather than call for an e-Voting. - Gabija Kisieliūtė (Lithuania): “If it is the same situation will we be waiving the rule again?” - AO explains that we try to have as many people from different countries and organisations as we can in the Executive Board. However, if an org.com would like to apply they would not be able to host the event, as the Senior (who is a member of the Executive Board) would not be able to apply unless this rule is waived. - Ilona Parviainen (Finland): “Is it good for EFPSA that there are already five people from the same country?” - JH explains that the reason behind why we need to | <p>passes.</p> |
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| | waive this rule is because the best applicants have been from the same country. | |
| 9. Proposal 2: Approval of the Executive Board | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AO presents the members of the Executive Board for 2015/2016. - AO reminds the MRs and delegates that they will be voting for the Executive Board as a collective whole. | 47 in favour 0 against 0 abstaining The proposal passes. |
| 10. Proposal 3: Approval of the Ethical Committee | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of the members of the Ethical Committee - Questions about the ethical committee? None | 46 in favour 1 against 0 abstaining The proposal passes. |
| 11. Proposal 4: Events Host Election for the 21st EFPSA Congress. (AO) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AO presents Azerbaijan Union of Young Psychologists from Azerbaijan. - Presentation for the 31st EFPSA Congress by Rovshan Ugur (RU) and Orkhan Orujzade (OO) - Information about the country is presented via geographical information. - Short video presentation of Azerbaijan - RU explains the relationship between the organisation (established in 2008) and EFPSA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 2009 – Observer Organisation o 2010 – Member Organisation; 30 participants have participated in EFPSA events so far - Approximately 250 students finish their degree per year - The organisation has 400 members including alumni and 40 different projects - Local projects presented by RU <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Their annual national Congress is the most important decision making body of the local MO o “My speciality is my Future” helps high school students with finding options for future career | 25 In favour 14 Against 8 Abstaining The proposal passes. |

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| | <p>paths</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - OO presents motivation behind their application to host the congress. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o OO explains that this would be the first EFPSA event in their country and that they have a highly motivated team for the Congress. o They want to disseminate EFPSA spirit and invite more students to EFPSA events. - Theme: Social Psychology - Sponsors and Partners: Ministry of Youth and Sport (confirmation through word-of-mouth), Azerbaijan Youth Foundation, Khazar University and Mental Health Centre - OO presents the venue – City of Gabala in the mountains, the venue is 200km from the Capital City - Excursion Day: taking the participants to Shaki - a very ancient city. - RU asks for Questions. - Artemis Stefani (Cyprus): “How much do you think that the costs for travel will be?” - RU explains that there are different flight options from various countries, the cheapest being from Budapest. - Gabija Kisieliūtė (Lithuania) enquires about the price of the VISA. - RU explains that the cost of the VISA was previously 250 euros however, they made an agreement for releasing VISA issues, and there will be a free of charge application for VISA, which will be very easy for EU members to get hold of. - Mariyan Vasev (Immediate Past President - Bulgaria): “What has changed in one year since your last application, when it comes to motivation and your concept of the Congress?” - RU explained that it showed in their motivation that | |
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| | <p>they really want to hold the congress. Their vision changed in a year and they have a better idea of the Congress.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Spyra Chalari (Greece) asks about how they will motivate participants to apply even though travel costs may be expensive. - RO explains that they are sure that they will get the appropriate support and reduce the participation fee in order to motivate participants to apply. - Johanna Katharina (Austria): explains that she has searched for flights and they are approximately 360 euros for 3 months from now - sorted by the cheapest and Turkish airlines. She asks if there is a specific airline that participants should fly with? - OO explains that Wizz air is the cheapest airline in Europe. They have a specific website for buying the tickets. - Mariann Molder (Estonia): “How many volunteers do you have right now to contribute to the organisation?” - RU: “We organise annual local EFPSA congress and we have approximately 20 volunteers helping to organise it on a high professional level.” RU explains that they have discussed the Congress with their MO and people are very keen on participating as org.com and volunteers. - Ieva Vainoraite (Lithuania): “Have you ever thought about organising another smaller EFPSA event as a first year EFPSA event?” - RU: “It would be nice but we thought we would apply again because it is our fortune, maybe in the future.” - Petra Fódi (Hungary): “A few months ago, I read in | |
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| | <p>the news that there were supposed to be some special flights however they cancelled the programme...”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RU: “I have not heard about it. It is an agreement between them, it is probable that they will make it again if it is cancelled.” - AO asks for any other questions? None asked. | |
| 12. Counting of the Votes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AO asks Marcha Poel (Observer Coordinator) and Martin Helik (Member Coordinator) to collect the votes and proceed with the counting. - AO reminds the MRs and delegates that they cannot leave the room once the counting of votes has begun. | |
| 13. Closing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AO announces the outcomes of the votes. - AO wishes everyone a great mandate and explains that the closing ceremony will proceed in the same venue after a short break. | |